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SUBJECT: MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

SUMMARY. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (SDP), PEOPLES' SOCIALIST
(SF), LEFT SOCIALISTS (VS) AND COMMUNISTS (DKP), IN
VARYING COMBINATIONS, SUPPRESSED THEIR TRADITIONAL
ANTIPATHIES AND ARRANGED JOINT MAY DAY DELEBRATIONS
IN SEVERAL PROVINCIAL TOWN S. IN COPENHAGEN, HOWEVER,
THREE SEPARATE, COMPETING DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN
DRIZZLING WEATHER WITH ATTENDANCE HONORS BEING WON BY
DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY. MARCH PAST US EMBASSY
SPONSORED BY LEFT SOCIALISTS AND VIET- NAM COMMITTEES
MUSTERED A SURPRISING TWO THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS.
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END SUMMARY.

1. IN AALBORG, NORRESUNDBY AND SLAGELSE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, SF AND COMMUNISTS ARRANGED JOINT MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS. IN AARHUS TWO DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ARRANGED, ONE BY LOCAL SF AND COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATIONS PLUS THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION, THE OTHER BY SF AND COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONISTS.

2. IN COPENHAGEN, LOCAL TRADES COUNCIL SPONSORED SIMILAR JOINT DEMONSTRATION BUT WITH AN ANTI- COMMUNIST WRINKLE. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND SF WERE REPRESENTED BY PM ANKER JORGENSEN AND SIGURD OMANN RESPECTIVELY, WHILE LABOR MOVEMENT SPOKESMEN WERE LO VICE PRESIDENT KAI PETERSEN AND BO ROSSCHOU, CHAIRMAN OF APPRENTICES FEDERATION. ROSSCHOU, WHILE DKP MEMBER, DID NOT SPEAK FOR COMMUNISTS AND TRADES COUNCIL REFUSED TO ALLOW DKP CHAIRMAN, KNUD JESPERSEN, TO SPEAK. SPURRED BY THIS SNUB, DKP ARRANGED SEPARATE DEMONSTRATION IN FAELLED PARK AND MUSTERED THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND ADHERENTS IN DRIZZLING RAIN, MORE THAN TWICE THE 1,500 TO 2,000 WHO TURNED OUT AT TOWN HALL TO HEAR PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN.

3. A THIRD DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF US EMBASSY WAS ARRANGED BY AD HOC MAY FIRST COMMITTEE WHICH COALESCED SEVERAL MILITANT LEFTIST GROUPS, INCLUDING LEFT SOCIALIST (VS) FACTIONS, DANISH VIET- NAM COMMITTEES (DDV), COMMUNIST LEAGUE/ MARXIST- LENINIST (KFML), IS (INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY), AND THE SF- DOMINATED " TRADE UNION GROUP". DESPITE RAIN A SURPRISING 2,000 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS HEARD UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND LE QUANG, LOCAL DIRECTOR OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE, DENOUNCE " US IMPERIALISM". LE QUANG WAS PRESENTED 25,000 KRONER (ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS) COLLECTED BY DANISH VIET- NAM COMMITTEES AND A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING US BOMBING IN SOUTH EAST ASIA WAS ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION. PARTICIPANTS REMAINED APPROXIMATELY HALF HOUR IN FRONT OF EMBASSY BEFORE CONTINUING THEIR MARCH TO JOIN COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAELLED PARK. VIOLENT CONFRONTATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN POLICE AND YOUTHS WHICH OCCURRED SAME DAY AND RECEIVED WIDE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE WAS LOCAL PROTEST OVER SLUM CONDITIONS AND NOT CONNECTED WITH POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

4. THEMES STRESSED BY SDP GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS WERE FAMILIAR ONES, BUT THEY BORE A DEFENSIVE NOTE REFLECTING

THE CURRENT POPULARITY OF MOGENS GLISTRUP' S CRUSADE
AGAINST HIGH TAXES. DANISH SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM WAS
EXTOLLED BY LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTERS WHILE
DENMARK' S COMMITMENT TO NATO WAS FORCEFULLY DEFENDED
BY FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN. PRIMIN EMPHASIZED THAT DENMARK
HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO INFLUENCE EC IN DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST DIRECTION, CITING PROGRAM FOR A SOCIAL EUROPE
DRAWN UP LAST WEEK IN BONN BY EC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTIES. HE STRESSED IN THIS CONNECTION DANISH
GOVERNMENT' S PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY AS EXAMPLE
OF DENMARK' S PATTERN- SETTING ROLE. HE ALSO FLOATED NEW
IDEA THAT DANISH LABOR MOVEMENT SHOULD BE UNITED ON
POLITICAL LEVEL PRESUMABLY LIMITED TO SF AND SDP) AS
WELL AS ON TRADE UNION LEVEL.
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